

Mr. Miller and Mr. Linares,

"An Act Concerning Compassionate Aid In Dying For The Terminally Ill" (House Bill 6645) is coming to the House and will make its way to the Senate.

I do not know how either of you stand on this "right to die" issue, but I want to express my opinion in the hopes that you will vote for this bill.

Only the states of Washington, Oregon and Montana have "physician-assisted suicide" for the terminally ill and Connecticut should now lead the East Coast by passing its own law. If you research the "Compassion and Choice" website and also review why these states passed this legislation, you will find that there really is no logical opposition. The opposition is purely emotional and filled with religious dogma. Please do not listen to the religious organizations such as the Catholic Church and other Christian groups. They can't control their own followers in matters such as abortion, birth control and the "right to die" so why should they be telling the rest of us what we can and can not do? There is a separation of "church and state" in this country and if these organizations can convince their followers that they should "suffer to the end" so be it. But they should not have the power to control the rest of us. You should take that power away from them, because the way our laws are written, they have it now. Keep in mind that there are many other religions that do not have a problem with the "right to die" issue.

Without this new law there could be prolonged suffering of the patient and family as well as economic devastation.

When you come down to it "who's life is it anyway?" Should others have the right to tell YOU what YOU can or can not do when you are terminally ill?

Wouldn't it be better to have a peaceful death then going through a medieval torture? Haven't we come further then that?

Sincerely,

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